

City of Carmel

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Media Advisory

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Carmel's Ceremony to Commemorate the end of World War II

What: The City of Carmel will be holding a special ceremony to commemorate The Greatest Generation's Greatest Day, the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II. This event is free and open to the public. Carmel's event is one of many national tributes taking place across the country. For more information on other nationwide ceremonies, please visit www.spiritof45.org.

When: Friday, August 14th at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Carmel Arts & Design District at the J. Seward Johnson "Unconditional Surrender" sculpture, also known as "The Kiss Statue" located in front of Pillowtalk Boutique, 23 East Main Street, Carmel (*Rain location:* Hamilton County Tourism, 37 East Main Street, Carmel).

Who: The ceremony includes remarks by World War II Veteran Harry Cooler, Army Veteran and Carmel City Attorney Douglas C. Haney and a live performance by the "Andrews Sisters" of the Actors Theatre of Indiana. Jeff Worrell will emcee and read a proclamation by Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard.

Members of the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) posts will participate in a flag ceremony. There will also be a wreath laying by World War II veterans at the Johnson sculpture.

Background: It is important to celebrate how the successful conclusion of World War II preserved our Republic, the freedoms guaranteed under our Constitution and our culture from those who were intent on destroying western civilization.

The J. Seward Johnson sculpture was inspired by the Life Magazine photograph, taken by Victor Jorgensen in Times Square just minutes after word of Japan's unconditional surrender, marking the end of World War II.